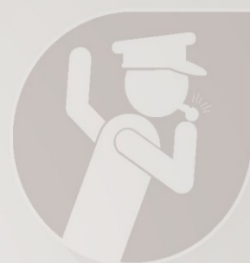




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Laingsburg Municipality

2020



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# Laingsburg: At a Glance

## Demographics

Population Estimates, 2020; Estimated households, 2019



### Population

9 179



### Households

2 435

## Education

2019



|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Matric Pass Rate      | 100.0% |
| Gr 12 Drop-out Rate   | 59.0%  |
| Learner-Teacher Ratio | 31.4   |

## Poverty

2018



|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Gini Coefficient        | 0.55 |
| Human Development Index | 0.81 |

## Health

2019



### Primary Health Care Facilities

1

### Immunisation Rate

78.5%

### Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 100 000 live births)

0.0

### Teenage Pregnancies - Delivery rate to women U/18

11.9%

## Safety and Security

Actual number of reported cases in 2019/20



### Residential Burglaries

64

### DUI

125

### Drug-related Crimes

107

### Murder

3

### Sexual Offences

12

## Access to Basic Service Delivery

Percentage of households with access to basic services, 2019



### Water

98.7%

### Refuse Removal

60.3%



### Electricity

79.3%



### Sanitation

84.0%



### Housing

96.4%



## Road Safety

2019/20

Fatal Crashes 12

Road User Fatalities 23

## Labour

2019

### Unemployment Rate (narrow definition)

17.0%



## Socio-economic Risks

- Risk 1** Slow economic growth
- Risk 2** Growing unemployment
- Risk 3** High school dropout rate

## Largest 3 Sectors

Contribution to GDP, 2018

Agriculture, forestry & fishing

22.4%

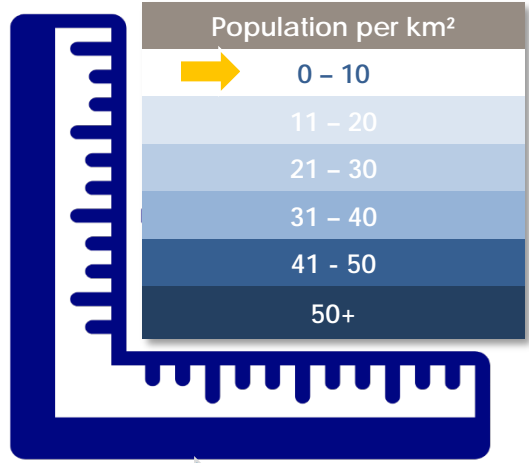
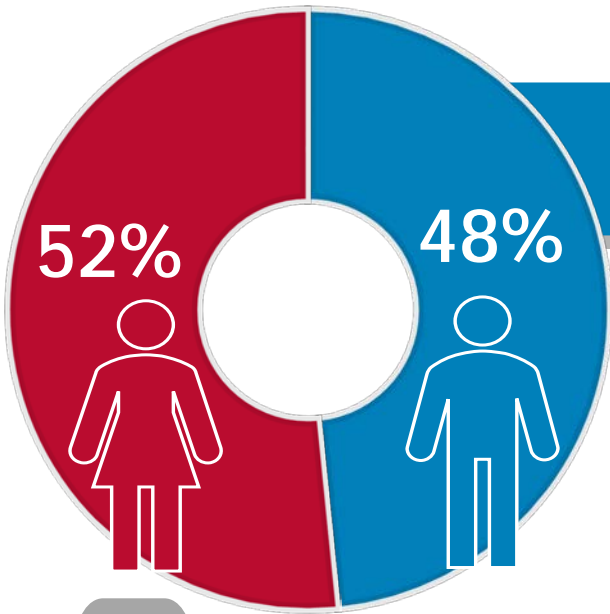
General government

19.6%

Wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation

13.7%

# DEMOGRAPHICS

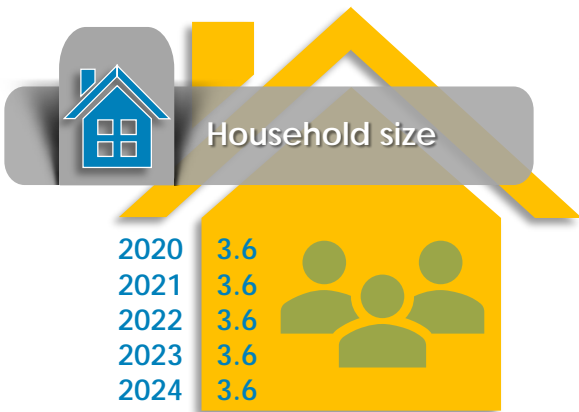


Number of males per 100 females

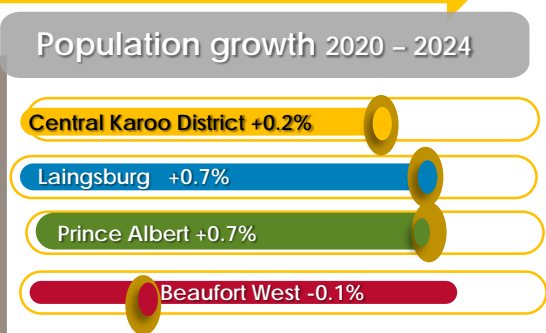
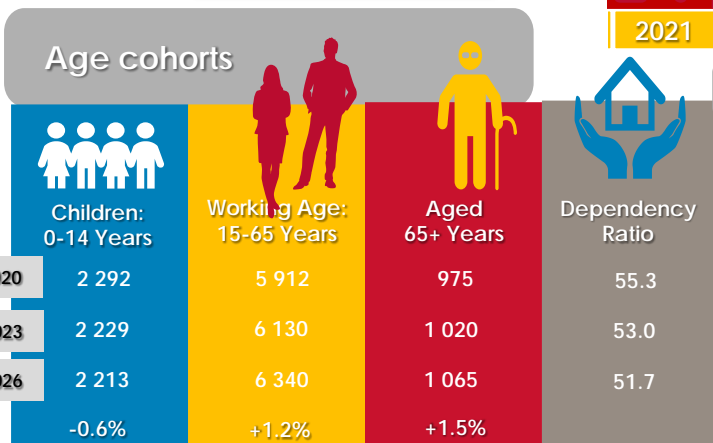
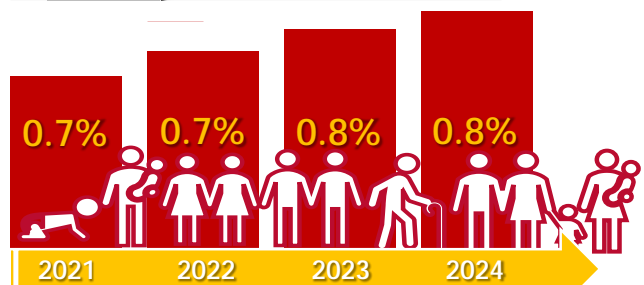
|                        | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Laingsburg             | 93.8 | 94.6 | 94.9 | 95.1 | 95.3 |
| Prince Albert          | 90.6 | 90.7 | 90.8 | 90.8 | 90.9 |
| Beaufort West          | 88.2 | 88.5 | 88.5 | 88.5 | 88.5 |
| Central Karoo District | 89.4 | 89.7 | 89.7 | 89.8 | 89.8 |

**9 179**  
Current Population

**9 456**  
Estimated Population **2024**



Population growth



# Demographics

## Population

The population of Laingsburg is 9 179 people in 2020, making it the smallest municipal population in the Central Karoo District (CKD). This total is expected to grow to 9 456 by 2024, equating to an average annual growth rate of 0.7 per cent.

## Sex Ratio

The overall sex ratio (SR) depicts the number of males per 100 females in the population. There are slightly more females than males in the municipal area with a ratio of 52 per cent (females) to 48 per cent (males). The SR for Laingsburg increases slightly year on year towards 2024 which could be attributed to a wide range of factors such as an increase in female mortality rates as well as the potential inflow of working males to the municipal area.

## Age Cohorts

Between 2020 and 2026, the largest population growth was recorded in the 65+ aged cohort which grew at an annual average rate of 1.5 per cent. The child cohort contracted by 0.6 per cent per annum, while the working age population increased by 1.2 per cent. In Laingsburg, the dependency ratio decreased from 56.9 in 2020 to 51.7 in 2026.

## Household size

Household size refers to the number of people per household. The actual size of households in Laingsburg remained unchanged between 2020 and 2024. Contributing factors to a stagnation in household size growth could include, but are not limited to, lower fertility rates, occurrences of divorce, ageing population, etc.

## Population density

Amidst rapid urbanisation across the Western Cape, population density figures will aid public sector decision makers to mitigate environmental, individual health and service delivery risks. In 2020, the population density of the Central Karoo District (CKD) was 2 persons per square kilometre. In order of highest to lowest, the various local municipal areas in the CKD compare as follows:

- Beaufort West 2 people/ km<sup>2</sup>
- Prince Albert 2 people/ km<sup>2</sup>
- **Laingsburg 1 people/ km<sup>2</sup>**

# EDUCATION

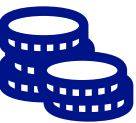
## Educational facilities

4

Number of schools

3

Number of no-fee schools



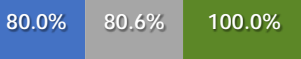
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Number of schools with libraries

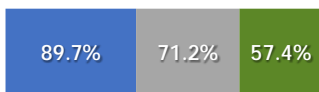


## Education outcomes

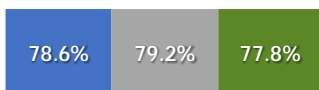
Laingsburg



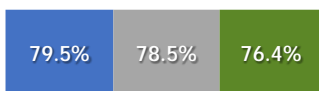
Prince Albert



Beaufort West



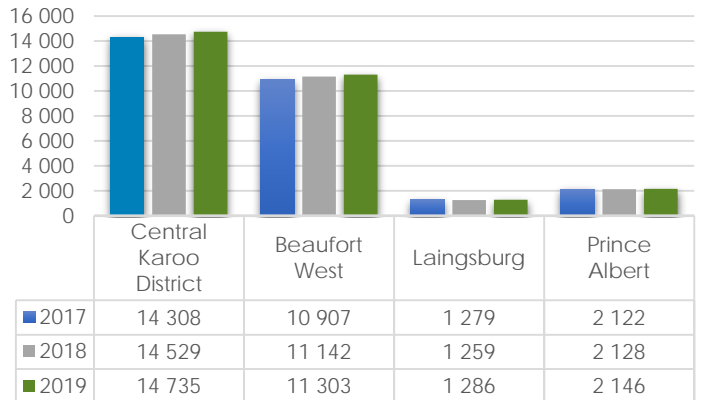
Central Karoo



■ 2017 ■ 2018 ■ 2019



## Learner enrolment



## Learner-Teacher Ratio

Central Karoo District

30.38 | 32.8 | 32.74

Beaufort West

30.47 | 33.06 | 33.15

Prince Albert

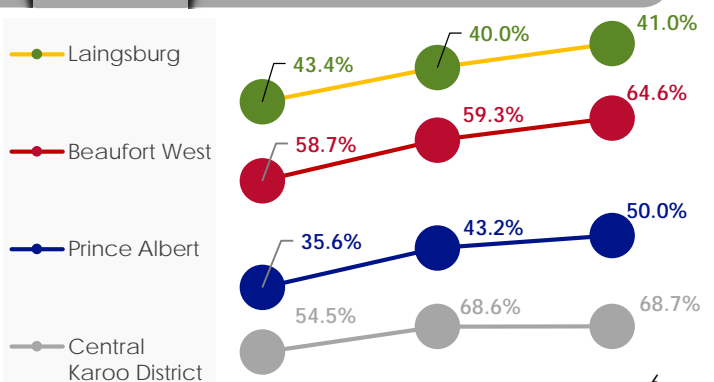
30.31 | 32.74 | 31.56

Laingsburg

29.74 | 30.71 | 31.37



## Learner retention



# Education

## **Learner enrolment, the learner-teacher ratio and learner retention rate**

Learner enrolment in Laingsburg increased from 1 259 in 2018 to 1 286 in 2019, the lowest in the Central Karoo District (CKD) when compared to other local municipal areas. This could be attributed to a number of factors including demographics and socio-economic context.

## **Number of schools**

The number of schools within the Laingsburg municipal area has remained unchanged at 4 between 2016 and 2019. Despite this, the learner-teacher ratio deteriorated slightly during this period.

## **Number of no-fee schools**

The proportion of no-fee schools in the Laingsburg municipal area remained unchanged at 75.0 per cent between 2017 and 2019, indicating that given the tough economic climate, many parents being unable to pay schools fees. Laingsburg has the lowest proportion of no fee schools (4) in the CKD.

## **Schools with libraries and media centres**

As mentioned previously, there were 4 schools in the Laingsburg area in 2019 of which 3 (75 per cent) were equipped with libraries. The availability of library facilities within schools contribute towards narrowing the academic attainment gap by allowing students access to information which is in turn directly linked to improved education outcomes.

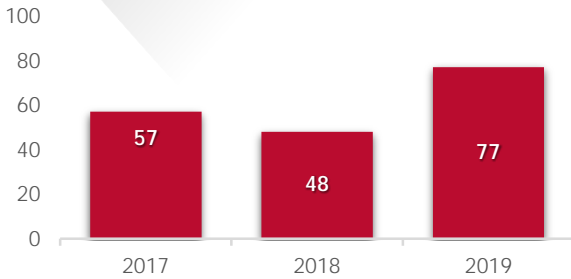
## **Education outcomes (Matric Pass Rates)**

Education remains one of the key avenues through which the state is involved in the economy. In preparing individuals for future engagement in the labour market, policy choices and decisions in the sphere of education play a critical role in determining the extent to which future economic and poverty reduction plans can be realised. Laingsburg's matric pass rate impressively increased from 80.6 per cent in 2018 to 100 per cent in 2019. This is an excellent achievement for the area, given its rural nature. Better results could improve access to learners to higher education to broaden their employment opportunities

# HEALTH



## Tuberculosis

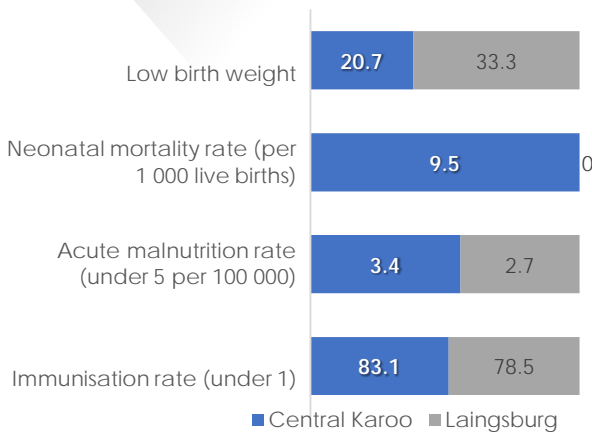


## Maternal health

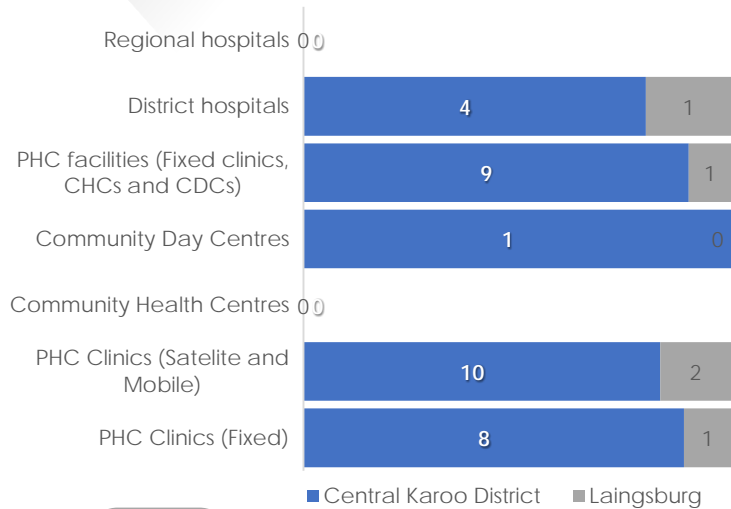
|               | Maternal Mortality Rate |      | Delivery rate to women under 20 years |      | Termination of pregnancy rate |      |
|---------------|-------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|
|               | 2018                    | 2019 | 2108                                  | 2109 | 2018                          | 2019 |
| Laingsburg    | 0                       | 0    | 15.8                                  | 11.9 | 0                             | 0    |
| Central Karoo | 201.6                   | 0    | 17.7                                  | 15.4 | 0                             | 0    |



## Child health



## Healthcare facilities



## Emergency medical services

| Health Indicator                               | Laingsburg | Central Karoo |
|--|------------|---------------|
| No of operational ambulances per 10 000 people | 0.3        | 0.5           |



## HIV/AIDS

| Area          | Registered patients receiving ART |       | Number of new ART patients |      |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|------|
|               | 2018                              | 2019  | 2018                       | 2019 |
| Laingsburg    | 200                               | 214   | 11                         | 10   |
| Central Karoo | 2 022                             | 2 050 | 207                        | 164  |



# Health

## Healthcare Facilities

In terms of healthcare facilities, Laingsburg had 1 primary healthcare clinics (PHC) in 2019, as well as 2 mobile clinics. In addition, there are also 1 district hospital, as well as 1 antiretroviral treatment clinics/sites and 2 tuberculosis clinics/sites.

## Emergency Medical Services

Provision of more operational ambulances can provide greater coverage of emergency medical services. Laingsburg has 0.3 ambulances per 10 000 inhabitants in 2019 which is slightly below the District's average of 0.5 ambulances per 10 000 people. It is worth noting that this number only refers to Provincial ambulances and excludes all private service providers.

## HIV/AIDS/TB

Patients receiving antiretroviral treatment in the Laingsburg municipal area increased by 14 between 2018 (200) and 2019 (214). The 214 patients receiving antiretroviral are treated at 1 clinic/treatment site. A total of 2 050 patients received antiretroviral treatment in CKD in 2019, up from 2 022 in 2018.

## Child Health

The **immunisation** coverage rate for children under the age of one in the Laingsburg municipal area increased from 56.6 per cent in 2018 to 78.5 per cent in 2019. The Central Karoo District average for 2019 was 83.1 per cent.

The number of **malnourished** children under five years (per 100 000) in 2018 was zero which increased to 2.7 in 2019. The number of **malnourished** children under five years within the District decreased from 3.7 in 2018 to 3.4 in 2019.

The **neonatal mortality rate** (NMR) (deaths per 1 000 live births before 28 days of life) for the Laingsburg municipal area remained at zero deaths between 2018 and 2019. The **neonatal mortality** rate within the District decreased from 12.1 to 9.5 over the same period. A fall in the NMR may indicate improvement in new-born health outcomes, or it may potentially reflect reporting constraints.

## Maternal Health

The **maternal mortality rate** (MMR) in the Laingsburg municipal area has remained at zero in 2018 and 2019, while the CKD rate decreased substantially from 201.6 in 2018 to zero in 2019.

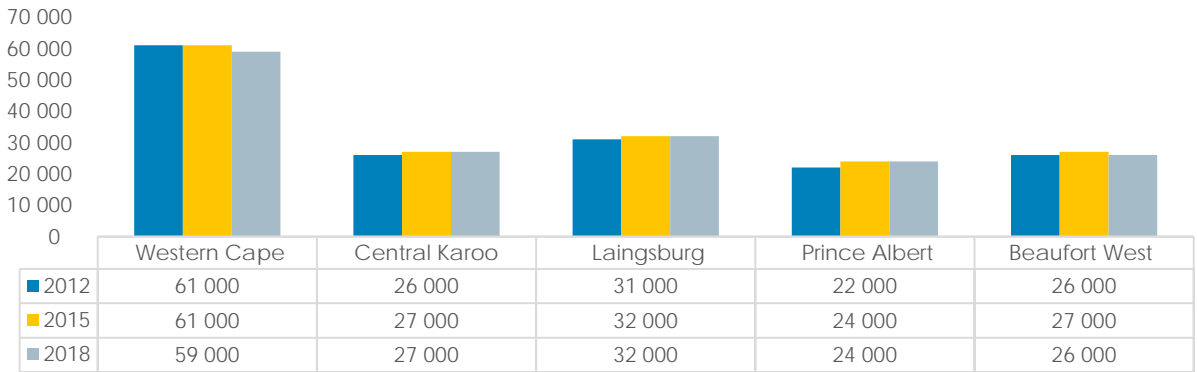
The **delivery rate** to women under 19 years of age in the Laingsburg municipal area decreased from 15.8 per cent in 2018 to 11.9 per cent in 2019, while the Central Karoo District rate decreased slightly from 17.7 to 15.4 per cent over the corresponding period. Laingsburg's rate (11.9 per cent) is below the CKD average of 15.4 per cent.

The **termination of pregnancy rate** in the Laingsburg municipal area and the broader CKD remains zero. A low termination rate is strongly associated with a decrease in unwanted pregnancies which in turn attests of improved family planning and access to health care services (for example, access to contraception, sexual education programmes and counselling).

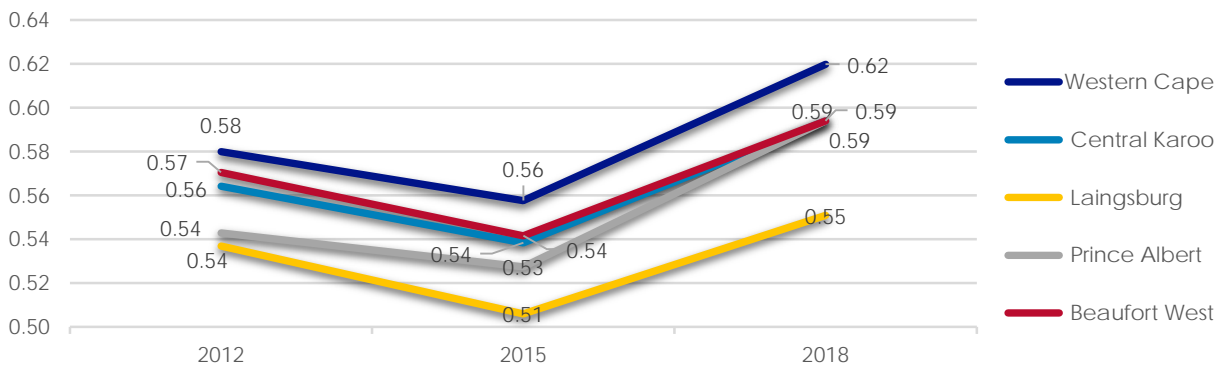
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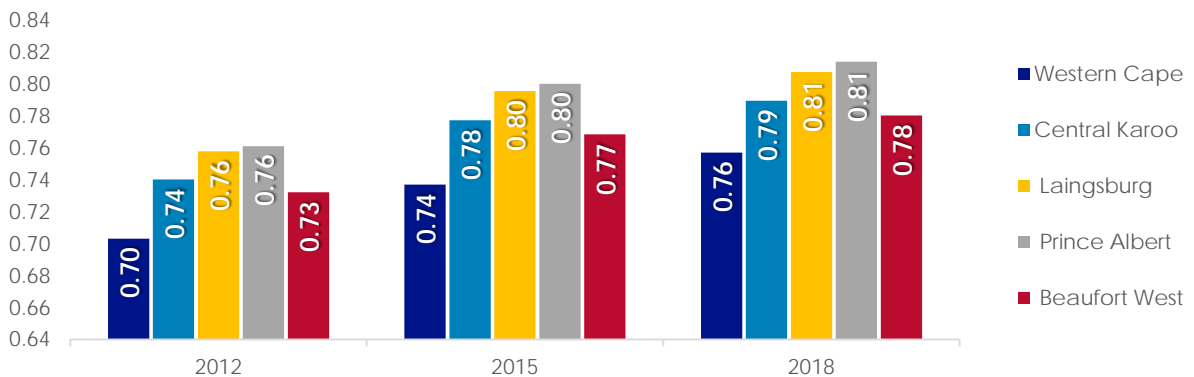
## GDP per capita



## Income inequality



## Human development



# Poverty

## GDPR Per Capita

An increase in real GDPR per capita, i.e. GDPR per person, is experienced only if the real economic growth rate exceeds the population growth rate. Even though real GDP per capita reflects changes in the overall well-being of the population, not everyone within an economy will earn the same amount of money as estimated by the real GDPR per capita indicator.

Laingsburg has the highest GDPR compared to other municipalities in the CKD. At R32 000 in 2018, Laingsburg, GDPR is above the CKD average of R27 000, but still significantly below that of the Western Cape's R59 000.

## Income Inequality

The National Development Plan (NDP) has set a target of reducing income inequality in South Africa from a Gini coefficient of 0.7 in 2010 to 0.6 by 2030. Inequality levels of 0.55 for Laingsburg and 0.59 for the CKD are considerably lower than that of the Western Cape (0.62) in 2019.

## Human Development

The United Nations uses the Human Development Index (HDI) to assess the relative level of socio-economic development in countries. Indicators that measure human development are education, housing, access to basic services and health.

The HDI is a composite indicator reflecting education levels, health, and income. It is a measure of peoples' ability to live a long and healthy life, to communicate, participate in the community and to have sufficient means to be able to afford a decent living. The HDI is represented by a number between 0 and 1, where 1 indicates a high level of human development and 0 represents no human development.

The HDI for the Laingsburg area has shown a general increase from 0.76 in 2012 to 0.81 in 2018. There has been a similar upward trend for the Central Karoo District and the Western Cape for the same period.

# BASIC SERVICE DELIVERY



## Total number of households

2 435

Laingsburg Municipality

19 717

Central Karoo District

96.4 %

## Formal main dwelling

2 347

Laingsburg Municipality

19 125

Central Karoo District

97.0 %



78.3% Laingsburg  
85.9% Central Karoo

House/brick structure on separate stand/yard



0.9% Laingsburg  
0.4% Central Karoo

Traditional dwelling



16.2% Laingsburg  
9.1% Central Karoo

Flat/simplex/duplex/triplex or room/flat on shared property

1.4% Laingsburg  
0.7% Central Karoo

Other/Unspecified



1.9% Laingsburg  
2.0% Central Karoo

House/flat/room in backyard



1.0% Laingsburg  
0.9% Central Karoo

Informal dwelling in backyard



0.3% Laingsburg  
0.9% Central Karoo

Informal dwelling not in backyard



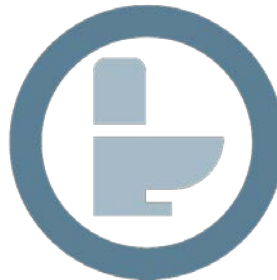
### Piped water inside dwelling/within 200m

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Laingsburg    | 98.7% |
| Central Karoo | 98.1% |



### Electricity as primary source of lighting

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Laingsburg    | 79.3% |
| Central Karoo | 89.9% |



### Flush/chemical toilet

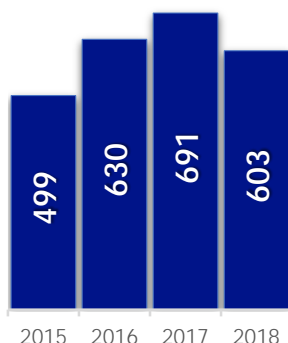
|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Laingsburg    | 84.0% |
| Central Karoo | 89.7% |



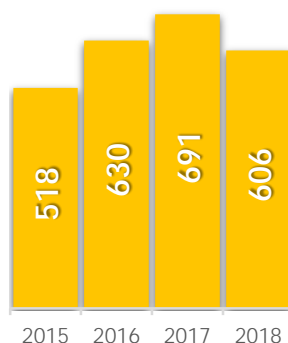
### Refuse removed at least once a week

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Laingsburg    | 60.3% |
| Central Karoo | 79.4% |

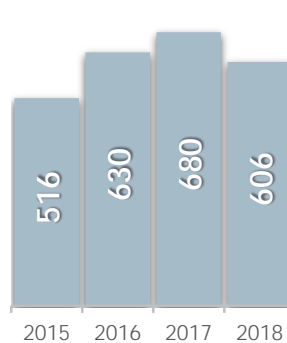
### Free basic water



### Free basic electricity



### Free basic sanitation



### Free basic refuse removal



# Basic Service Delivery

The Constitution stipulates that every citizen has the right to access to adequate housing and that the state must take reasonable legislative and other measures within its available resources to achieve the progressive realisation of this right. Access to housing also includes access to services such as potable water, basic sanitation, safe energy sources and refuse removal services, to ensure that households enjoy a decent standard of living.

This section considers to what extent this has been achieved by reflecting on the latest available information from Quantec Research for 2019. The latest official statistics was collected by Statistics South Africa for the 2016 Community Survey; the 2021 Census will provide the updated official statistics. The information on free basic services is obtained from Statistics South Africa's Non-Financial Census of Municipalities survey findings.

## Housing and Household Services

With a total of 2 43 households in the Laingsburg municipal area, only 96.4 per cent had access to formal housing, the second highest when compared with other municipalities in the Central Karoo District area; the District average was 97.0 per cent.

Households across the District enjoyed high access levels sanitation, refuse removal and electricity at a rate above the Laingsburg average. However, access to water (98.7 per cent) in the Laingsburg municipal area was above the CKD rate of 98.1 per cent.

## Free Basic Services

Municipalities also provide a package of free basic services to households who are financially vulnerable and struggle to pay for services. The number of households receiving free basic services in the Laingsburg municipal area have been increasing from 2015 to 2017 but tapered off between 2017 and 2018. The stressed economic conditions are anticipated to exert pressure on household income levels, which is in turn likely to see the number of indigent households and the demand for free basic services increase.

# SAFETY AND SECURITY



| MURDER        |                        | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|---------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number | Laingsburg             | 2       | 3       | 3       |
|               | Central Karoo District | 30      | 19      | 25      |
| Per 100 000   | Laingsburg             | 23      | 30      | 37      |
|               | Central Karoo District | 40      | 25      | 33      |

| SEXUAL OFFENCES |                        | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number   | Laingsburg             | 12      | 10      | 12      |
|                 | Central Karoo District | 95      | 103     | 83      |
| Per 100 000     | Laingsburg             | 129     | 113     | 132     |
|                 | Central Karoo District | 127     | 137     | 111     |



| DRUG-RELATED OFFENCES |                        | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number         | Laingsburg             | 565     | 332     | 107     |
|                       | Central Karoo District | 1 443   | 856     | 548     |
| Per 100 000           | Laingsburg             | 6 256   | 3 641   | 1 169   |
|                       | Central Karoo District | 1 937   | 1 147   | 732     |

| DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE |                        | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number               | Laingsburg             | 66      | 117     | 125     |
|                             | Central Karoo District | 140     | 187     | 241     |
| Per 100 000                 | Laingsburg             | 727     | 1 282   | 1 364   |
|                             | Central Karoo District | 187     | 250     | 323     |



| ROAD USER FATALITIES   |  | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|------------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Laingsburg             |  | 16      | 22      | 23      |
| Central Karoo District |  | 71      | 89      | 52      |



| RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES |                        | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Actual Number          | Laingsburg             | 60      | 47      | 64      |
|                        | Central Karoo District | 703     | 519     | 598     |
| Per 100 000            | Laingsburg             | 667     | 517     | 695     |
|                        | Central Karoo District | 944     | 696     | 800     |

# Safety and Security

## Murder

The 2019/ 20 crime statistics released by SAPS and Stats SA indicate that there was a sharp increase in murders in the Western Cape prior to Operation Lockdown, and a slight decline during lockdown suggesting that Operation Lockdown might have reduced homicide numbers in the areas of police stations where the operation took place. Murders in South Africa remain high, with a 1.4 per cent increase in 2019/20, to 21 325 reported cases. This works out to 58 people murdered in the country every day, at a rate of 35.8 people per 100 000 population.

Within the Laingsburg area, the number of murders remained static at 3 for the period 2018/19 to 2019/20. However, the murder rate per 100 000 people increased from 30 in 2018/19 to 37 in 2019/20, while the murder rate across the CKD increased by 8 from 25 in 2018/19 to 33 in 2019/20. The murder rate within Laingsburg area is above the District average.

## Sexual Offences

The rate of sexual offences in South Africa is amongst the highest in the world. With respect to the crime statistics released by SAPS and Stats SA, sexual offences increased by 3.7 per cent in 2019/20 compared to the previous financial year.

In 2019/20, there were 12 sexual offences in the Laingsburg area compared to 83 reported cases in the Central Karoo District. The incidence of sexual offences (per 100 000 people) in Laingsburg (132) was significantly higher than that of the District (111) in 2019/20.

## Drug-related Offences

The 2019/20 crime statistics indicates that drug related crime has decreased sizably by 26.7 per cent, from 232 657 in 2019 to 170 510 in 2020. Within the Province, drug related decreased by 22.9 per cent between 2018/19 and 2019/20. The incidence of drug-related offences is trending upwards in both Laingsburg and the District; although there is higher occurrence of drug-related offences (per 100 000 people) in Laingsburg (1 169) relative to the District (732).

## Driving under the influence (DUI)

Over the 2019/20 period, 94 273 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs were detected by the police. The number of cases of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in the Laingsburg area increased from 117 in 2018/19 to 125 in 2019/20. This translates into a rate of 1 364 per 100 000 people in 2019/20, which is significantly above the District's 323 in 2019/20.

## Residential Burglaries

The 2019/20 crime statistics released by SAPS and Stats SA indicates that the number of residential burglaries fell by 6.7 per cent in South Africa. Within the Western Cape Province, burglaries at residential areas decreased by 8.5 per cent between 2018/19 and 2019/20. However, residential burglary cases within the Laingsburg area increased by 17 from 47 in 2018/19 to 64 in 2019/20. When considering the rate per 100 000 populations, with 695 cases per 100 000 in 2019/20, Laingsburg's rate is below the District rate of 800 per 100 000 in the same reporting year.

# Economy and Labour Market Performance

| SECTOR  | GDPR                 |                   |                       | Employment          |                                   |                  |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
|   | R million value 2018 | Trend 2014 - 2018 | Real GDP growth 2019e | Number of jobs 2018 | Average annual change 2014 - 2018 | Net change 2019e |
| <b>PS</b> Primary Sector                            | <b>97.6</b>          | <b>-0.2</b>       | <b>-9.1</b>           | <b>897</b>          | <b>18</b>                         | <b>6</b>         |
| Agriculture, forestry & fishing                     | 97.5                 | -0.2              | -9.1                  | 897                 | 18                                | 6                |
| Mining & quarrying                                  | 0.1                  | -0.9              | -3.6                  | 0                   | 0                                 | 0                |
| <b>SS</b> Secondary sector                          | <b>94.3</b>          | <b>2.9</b>        | <b>-1.2</b>           | <b>243</b>          | <b>13</b>                         | <b>-11</b>       |
| Manufacturing                                       | 1.9                  | -1.0              | -3.2                  | 9                   | 0                                 | 0                |
| Electricity, gas & water                            | 54.8                 | 1.6               | -1.7                  | 38                  | 1                                 | 0                |
| Construction  | 37.7                 | 4.9               | -0.4                  | 196                 | 12                                | -11              |
| <b>TS</b> Tertiary sector                           | <b>244.1</b>         | <b>1.6</b>        | <b>1.2</b>            | <b>1 788</b>        | <b>48</b>                         | <b>44</b>        |
| Wholesale & retail trade, catering & accommodation  | 59.7                 | 0.5               | -0.3                  | 574                 | 14                                | 24               |
| Transport, storage & communication                  | 47.0                 | 0.7               | -0.8                  | 91                  | 2                                 | 2                |
| Finance, insurance, real estate & business services | 13.2                 | 1.7               | 2.1                   | 154                 | 6                                 | 4                |
| General government                                  | 85.6                 | 2.4               | 2.8                   | 494                 | 13                                | 17               |
| Community, social & personal services               | 38.5                 | 2.9               | 2.1                   | 475                 | 14                                | -3               |
| <b>Laingsburg</b>                                   | <b>436.0</b>         | <b>1.3</b>        | <b>-1.9</b>           | <b>2 928</b>        | <b>79</b>                         | <b>39</b>        |

| Skill Levels<br>Formal employment | Skill Level<br>Contribution 2019 (%) | Average growth (%)<br>2015 - 2019 | Number of jobs |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                   |                                      |                                   | 2018           | 2019         |
| Skilled                           | 16.0                                 | 2.8                               | 385            | 395          |
| Semi-skilled                      | 50.1                                 | 2.2                               | 1 206          | 1 238        |
| Low-skilled                       | 33.9                                 | 1.6                               | 821            | 836          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>100.0</b>                         | <b>2.1</b>                        | <b>2 412</b>   | <b>2 469</b> |

| Informal employment     | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of informal jobs | 530  | 471  | 466  | 475  | 502  | 505  | 558  | 520  | 534  | 516  | 498  |
| % of Total Employment   | 22.5 | 20.6 | 20.1 | 19.6 | 19.8 | 19.7 | 19.7 | 18.2 | 18.5 | 17.6 | 16.8 |

| Unemployment rates | 2009        | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        | 2013        | 2014        | 2015        | 2016        | 2017        | 2018        | 2019        |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beaufort West      | 23.1        | 24.1        | 23.8        | 23.5        | 22.9        | 23.1        | 22.0        | 23.0        | 23.8        | 23.4        | 24.2        |
| <b>Laingsburg</b>  | <b>17.5</b> | <b>18.3</b> | <b>18.1</b> | <b>17.5</b> | <b>16.9</b> | <b>17.0</b> | <b>15.5</b> | <b>16.1</b> | <b>16.7</b> | <b>16.4</b> | <b>17.0</b> |
| Prince Albert      | 19.3        | 20.3        | 20.0        | 19.3        | 18.4        | 18.5        | 16.7        | 17.4        | 18.0        | 17.5        | 18.1        |
| Central Karoo      | 21.7        | 22.6        | 22.4        | 21.9        | 21.2        | 21.4        | 20.1        | 21.0        | 21.7        | 21.3        | 22.0        |
| Western Cape       | 14.2        | 15.5        | 15.7        | 15.8        | 15.7        | 16.0        | 16.1        | 17.3        | 18.1        | 18.0        | 19.4        |



# Economy and Labour Market Performance

## Sectoral Overview

In 2018, the economy of Laingsburg was valued at R436.0 million (current prices) and employed 2 928 people. Historical trends between 2014 and 2018 indicate that the municipal economy realised an average annual growth rate of 1.3 per cent which can be attributed to the relatively good secondary and tertiary sector growth of 2.9 per cent and 1.6 per cent respectively.

In terms of sectoral contribution, secondary sector growth was driven by strong growth in the construction sector (4.9 per cent average annual growth between 2014 and 2018) while growth in the tertiary sector was driven by the community, social and personal services (2.9 per cent), general government (2.4 per cent) and finance, insurance, real estate and business services (1.7 per cent) sectors.

The above-mentioned contributions from within the tertiary sector have also been estimated to have relatively good growth in 2019 with growth in the general government sector estimated at 2.8 per cent for 2019, while the finance, insurance, real estate and business services and community, social and personal services were both estimated to have grown by 2.1 per cent.

Employment creation for 2019 was poor overall. Despite agriculture, forestry and fishing sector's important role in the local economy, particularly as one of the main sources of employment, the sector experienced contractions of 0.2 per cent between 2014 and 2018; it also experienced a sharp contraction in 2019, but still managed to maintain employment, with the addition of six (6) additional jobs in this year. The agriculture, forestry and fishing sector is still recovering from the Province wide drought.

## Formal and Informal Employment

It is estimated that Laingsburg's total labour force will in 2019 amount to 2 967 workers of which 2 469 (83.2 per cent) are in the formal sector while 498 (16.8 per cent) are informally employed.

Most of the labour force consisted of semi-skilled (50.1 per cent) and low-skilled (33.9 per cent) workers. Although the skilled category only contributed 16.0 per cent to total formal employment, it notably outpaced the other two categories in terms of average annual growth – between 2015 and 2019, the skilled cohort grew on average by 2.8 per cent (albeit off a small base) while the semi-skilled and low-skilled categories grew at 2.2 and 1.6 per cent respectively. The growth in the skilled category reflects the market demand for more skilled labour. Evidently, the demand for skilled labour is on the rise which implies the need to capacitate and empower low-skilled and semi-skilled workers. Formal employment overall grew by 2.1 per cent between 2015 – 2019.

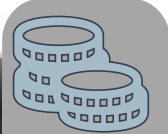
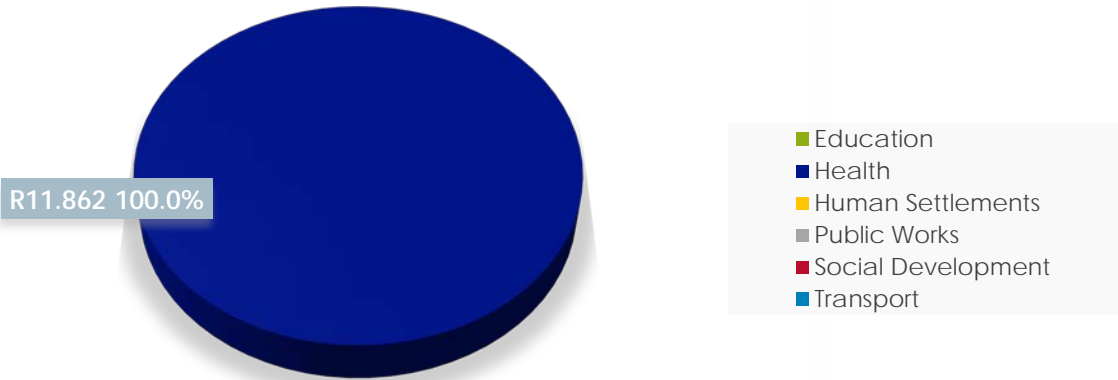
## Unemployment

Over the last decade, the unemployment rate has fluctuated starting at 17.5 per cent in 2009, ending at 17.0 per cent in 2019. The Laingsburg unemployment rate of 17.0 per cent in 2019 is notable lower than the District's 22.0 per cent and the Province's 19.4 per cent.

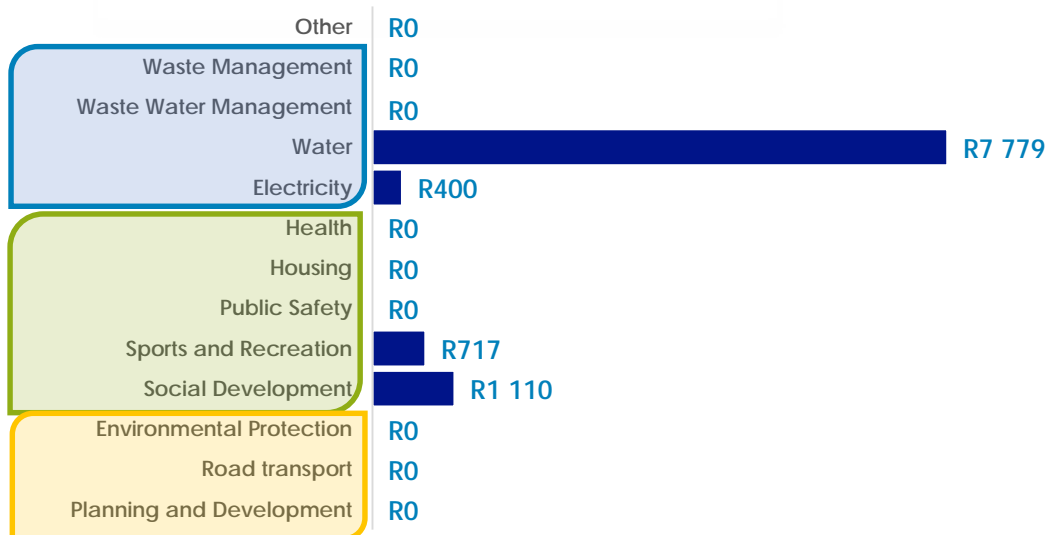
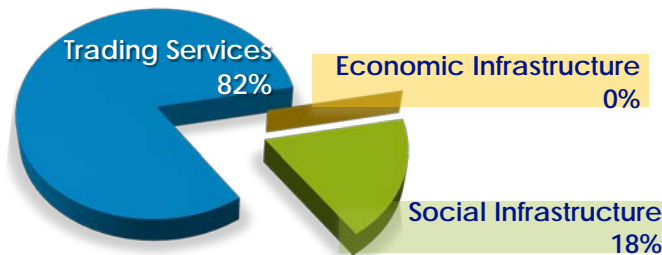
# PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SPEND



## Provincial infrastructure spend (R'000)



## Municipal infrastructure spend (R'000)



# Public Infrastructure Spend (2020/21)

## Spending on Social Infrastructure

Spending on social infrastructure aids in social development and has the spill-over effect of enabling economic growth. As displayed in the pie chart the Western Cape Government (WCG) will be allocating 100 per cent of its infrastructure budget for the Laingsburg area (R11.862 million) towards health infrastructure in the municipal area. Given the COVID-19 global crisis that is currently ensuing, it has become clearer that investing in health infrastructure and health systems especially in a rural municipality like Laingsburg not only saves lives but is a vital investment in the wider economy.

## Spending on Economic Infrastructure

Economic infrastructure is defined as infrastructure that promotes economic activity. Considering the sluggish economic growth throughout the country, spending on economic infrastructure is crucial to stimulating economic activity. There is however no allocation towards economic infrastructure by the Municipality or the WCG.

## Spending on Trading Services

Basic services are crucial to improving the living conditions of citizens within the municipal area and enabling economic activity for businesses via access to water, electricity, sanitation and refuse removal. The majority of the Municipality's infrastructure budget i.e. 81.7 per cent or R8.179 million is allocated towards the provision of basic services.

Given the prolonged impact of the drought on Laingsburg, great emphasis is currently placed on water augmentation. As such, the water management function receives R7.779 million or 77.7 per cent of total capital budget, the largest share of the trading services infrastructure budget for 2020/21. This was followed by an allocation for energy sources worth R400 000.

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